

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADÈMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner: Not Assigned
MITSUJI MARUMO

Group Art Unit: 2825

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For: MINI-ENVIRONMENT POD
DEVICE, AN EXPOSURE
APPARATUS AND A DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD
USING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

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To comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Japanese patent document No. 10-50590 relates to a projection aligner.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the cited information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form indicating that such information has been considered.

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Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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